

JOURNALISM

As a student in our “digital-first” journalism program, you will learn how to report, write, and produce multimedia news stories for digital and online platforms, as well as for print. Not only will you build this knowledge in the classroom, but you will also report stories from the field. Our program emphasizes newsgathering and reporting on the topics of coastal sustainability, environmental and social justice.

YOUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Learn and Do More at RWU

With a focus on experiential learning at RWU, journalism majors can:

- Cover real news stories in the award-winning HawkTheVote Election Media Lab, which won the Mark of Excellence award for best online reporting. You will have the opportunity to produce political news coverage with state-of-the-art mobile newsgathering gear.
- Build a portfolio of multimedia news stories in the Capstone and Portfolio course.
- Gather local multimedia news and interview experts for the student-run newspaper, The Hawks’ Herald, and the campus radio station WQRI 88.3FM.
- Take on leadership roles in the RWU chapter of The Society for Professional Journalists (SPJ), the only SPJ chapter in the state of Rhode Island.



- + Are you a curious and driven person who wants to uncover the whole story?
- + Do you love to write and communicate your ideas?
- + Are you excited about working in a field that’s always evolving?

CAREER OUTLOOK

90% of RWU journalism alumni are employed full-time within four months of graduation. Some graduates continue on to law school or other graduate programs and many land jobs producing, editing, reporting, marketing and more. Our alumni now work at:

- WCVB Channel 5 Boston
- WHDH 7 News Boston
- CBS Affiliate WPRI Channel 12 Providence
- The New York Times
- The Maury Show, NBC, NY
- Republican-American, Waterbury, CT

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

👍👍 *What I love about the journalism major is that there are so many different paths to follow. You can become a reporter, producer, writer, director, editor, photographer or copyeditor. You can do television, film, multimedia or digital.* 💬💬

Stephanie Ressler '16
Producer at NBC Universal

Get a Great Internship

All journalism majors complete at least one internship, though often more, in working newsrooms across New England. In recent years, students have interned at the Boston Globe, WPRI Channel 12, Rhode Island Monthly magazine, East Bay Newspapers, the Newport Daily News, the Rhode Show, the Rhode Island International Film Festival, CBS Sports, NASCAR, the Rhode Island State House, the Latino Policy Institute, and various radio stations and regional daily newspapers.

Facilities

You will gain professional newsgathering and reporting experience with state-of-the-art digital production technologies in our newsroom, podcast lab, editing bays, computer labs, streaming studio, and during live field reporting.

CURRICULUM

Structure

The curriculum begins with an emphasis on the rigor and traditions of news reporting before introducing tools and training for electronic-based media production. You will graduate with excellent writing and verbal skills, an understanding of media history and ethics, a proficiency in digital journalism, and a superior understanding of news in all its forms.

Faculty

Your professors are experts in the field who will bring their skills and experiences to you in the form of coursework, experiential learning, mentorship and networking.

**OVER 80% OF
RWU STUDENTS
GRADUATE WITH
MORE THAN JUST
A SINGLE MAJOR**

RWU students have paired **journalism** with:

- Legal studies
- Marine biology
- Political science
- Psychology
- Film studies
- Public health
- Sustainability
- Web development

